(c) and (d) With a view to make Air India's European passengers feel at home and to further improve inflight service and competitiveness of its project, it was decided by Air India to have European Air Hostesses on all Air India flights to/from Europe. Accordingly, nine French Air Hostesses were recruited by Air India as trainee Air Hostesses in July, 1990

(e) No, Sir

(f) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Andhau Airport, Ghazipur

4517. SHRI VISHWANATH SHASTRI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state

(a) the present area of the Andhau airport in Ghazipur

(b) the area of this airport at the time of its construction and

(c) the annual amount spent on the maintenance of this airport?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) (a) to (c) The airstrip at Ghazipur (Andhau) belongs to the Government of Uttar Pradesh

Train between Roha and Bombay

4518 SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) the names of stations proposed to be constructed by the Government on Konkan railway line;

(b) whether it is proposed to introduce any train between Roha and Bombay; and

(c) if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The names of stations have not been decided.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

LPG Agencies and Bottling Plants in Rajahmundry, Andhra Pradesh

[English]

4519. DR. K.V.R CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up LPG bottling plants and allot more LPG agencies in Rajahmundry in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof and

(c) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S KRISHAN KUMAR) (a) to (c) There is no specific proposal in this regard. Whereas location of bottling plant is decided on techno-economic considerations, new LPG distributorships are allotted depending upon product availability economic viability and Government Policy from time to time

Coal Supply to Satpura Power Station

[Translation]

4520. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VERMA Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state

(a) whether the Satpura Power Station in Madhya Pradesh is not

generating power to its full capacity due to shortage of coal; and

(b) if so, the reasons for short supply of coal and the arrangements being made by the Government to provide adequate quantity of coal to this station?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) According to the information received from Central Electricity Authority, Satpura Thermal Power Station suffered generation loss of 111 million units during the period April-July, 1991 due to coal shortage.

(b) The main reason for short supply of coal to Satpura Thermal Power Station is less production in the linked mines and inadequate movement of coal by rail from Pench-Kanhan Coalfields of Western Coalfields. In order to provide adequate coal to this power station, arrangements were made to despatch coal from South Eastern Coalfields Ltd during May and June, 1991 to the extent of 27 30 thousand tonnes. Instructions have been issued to coal companies to step up production so that adequate coal could be despatched to this Power Station.

Air Taxi Operation in Commercial Sector

[English]

4521. SHRI P. C THOMAS: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the private companies are proposed to be allowed to operate in commercial air cargo sector

(b) whether the flights of the Asia Asiatic Limited have been suspended; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and when these services are likely to be restored?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Private companies operating Air Taxi Services, can carry cargo also.

(b) and (c) It has been reported that flights of Air Asiatic Limited have been suspended due to its own internal problems.

Air-bus on Gulf Routes

[Translation]

4522. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state

(a) the number of old air-buses in operation under the Air India on the gulf routes; and

(b) the comparative details in regard to the percentage utilisation of the old and the new air-buses?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Air India operates three A-300-B4 aircraft acquired in 1982 on the gulf routes

(b) The average daily utilisation of A300-B4 aircraft and A-310-300 aircraft during 1990 was 7.88 hrs and 8.49 hrs. respectively.

Passenger facilities at Uttar Pradesh stations

4523. SHRI RAM BADAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: